

House Resolution 394

By: Representatives Smith of the 13th, Cummings of the 16th, and Loudermilk of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory of Bradford Lee "Chip" Riddle, Jr., and dedicating the South Bridge
2 at East 2nd Avenue in Rome, Georgia, as the Chip Riddle Memorial Bridge; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Chip Riddle was born in New London, Connecticut, on January 23, 1960, the
5 son of Bradford L. Riddle, Sr., and Maureen Bradley Riddle; and

6 WHEREAS, he graduated from West Rome High School and attended Floyd College,
7 Jacksonville State University, and The Harvard Business School and graduated from The
8 Economic Development Academy; and

9 WHEREAS, Chip served on the Business Technology Association National Board of
10 Directors and was a member and past president of the Georgia Office Machine Dealers; he
11 served on the Board of Directors for the Georgia Home Furnishings Association from 1996
12 until 1999; he was a member of the Floyd-Gordon County Development Authority, where
13 he oversaw the Joint Industrial Park location in Floyd County; and he served two terms as
14 chairman of the Greater Rome Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

15 WHEREAS, he worked to bring the 1996 Olympic Flag Ceremony to Rome; he was the
16 recipient of the Dickie Starnes Memorial Award and served as president of the Rome
17 Jaycees; he also received the community's Distinguished Service Award; and

18 WHEREAS, Chip served as chairman of the Rome Zoning Board of Appeals; was president
19 of the Seven Hills Rotary Club, past president and past Heart Fund chairman for the Floyd
20 County Heart Association, and past chairman of the Heart of the Community Board of
21 Governors; was a member of the YMCA Board of Trustees, the Rome Sailing Club, and the
22 Rome First United Methodist Church; and was a basketball coach for youth teams; and

23 WHEREAS, his best friend was his co-employee and his mentor, his father, Brad Riddle; and

1 WHEREAS, he leaves behind his loving wife, Kandis Drummond Riddle, a son, Bradford
2 Lee Riddle III, and a daughter, Rebecca Brennen Riddle; parents, Maureen and Bradford L.
3 Riddle, Sr.; a sister, Suzanne Riddle Knight; paternal grandmother, Vivian H. Riddle; and
4 two sisters-in-law, Kim Drummond Evans and Kristi Drummond Duckworth; and

5 WHEREAS, Chip loved working, tinkering with tools, teaching and coaching basketball,
6 Jimmy Buffet, and, most of all, sailing; and

7 WHEREAS, he was a true leader, a terrific father, husband, son, partner, and a great friend.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
9 GEORGIA that the members of this body join in honoring the memory of a great Georgian,
10 Bradford Lee "Chip" Riddle, Jr., for his many contributions to the City of Rome and the State
11 of Georgia.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Bridge at East 2nd Avenue in Rome, Georgia,
13 is dedicated as the Chip Riddle Memorial Bridge; and the Department of Transportation is
14 authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate signs so designating the bridge.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
16 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of the late
17 Bradford Lee "Chip" Riddle, Jr., and the Department of Transportation.